

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

After the Application Title, please insert:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 10/083,505, filed 02/27/2002. Great Britain Priority Application GB 0105206.7, filed 03/02/2001 including the specification, drawings, claims and abstract, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. U.S. Application No. 10/083,505, filed 02/27/2002 including the specification, drawings, claims and abstract, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Between paragraph numbers 0004 and 0005 please insert the following title:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace paragraph number 0017 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the liquid crystal material will normally be birefringent, and since the refractive index for only one polarisation of light may be changed between a ~~first~~ first value and a second value by the electrical signal, a quarter wave plate or other polarisation rotating element may be provided at each side face of the light guiding medium, in order to increase the amount of light which can be affected by the change in refractive index of the liquid crystal material. A semi-reflecting mirror will preferably be provided on the outer surface of each quarter wave plate, so that light of one polarisation that is internally incident on a side face will pass through a quarter wave plate a first time, will be reflected by the semi-reflecting mirror, and will then pass through the quarter wave plate a second time, emerging from the quarter wave plate with a second polarisation.

Between paragraph numbers 0020 and 0021 please insert the following title:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Between paragraph numbers 0027 and 0028 please insert the following title:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**